

Test and Operations Support Contract Presolicitation Questions and Responses

Number	Question/Comment	Response
1	Please explain the scope of any Shuttle Transition and Retirement (T&R) content within the Test and Operations Support Contract (TOSC).	The anticipated scope of TOSC will not contain any Shuttle T&R work. However, depending on the timeframe for orbiter deliveries to final destination sites, miscellaneous support tasks may be performed by TOSC through the issuance of task orders. Examples include towing an orbiter to the KSC Mate/Demate Device, mating an orbiter to the Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, and orbiter offloading and transportation support at the final destination site. The Performance Work Statement (PWS) will provide further clarity to TOSC content.
2	What are the similarities and differences between the Exploration Ground Launch Services (EGLS) and the TOSC procurements?	Similar to the EGLS procurement, TOSC is intended to provide a single processing contract to support multiple customers at Kennedy Space Center (KSC). However, the TOSC procurement is different than EGLS. The primary difference is the change in customers that TOSC will support. For example, the EGLS procurement supported the Constellation Program and Shuttle T&R activities, and TOSC will support NASA's emerging programs, commercial customers and other Government agencies. TOSC will continue to support ongoing ISS, LSP, and ground systems requirements. There are other differences between the EGLS and TOSC procurements. TOSC requirements will be defined in the PWS and Request for Proposal (RFP).
3	What are the Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) concerns with respect to TOSC?	The contracting officer will identify and communicate potential OCIs as early in the acquisition process as possible.
4	What are the contracting mechanisms under consideration to support the emerging customers?	The contracting mechanisms to support the emerging customers will be via the TOSC PWS requirements including indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity task orders and the TOSC Work for Others Clause. In addition, the TOSC contractor could perform work via Task Order Requests in support of Space Act Agreements and/or Commercial Space Launch Agreements.
5	What is the role of civil service with respect to the TOSC?	The role of civil service is being assessed. Details will be provided in the PWS and RFP.
6	What contracts will be providing services to or receiving services from TOSC? What are the respective responsibilities of each contract?	The Industry Day briefing, the PWS, and the RFP will provide details on the contractual relationships during TOSC performance.
7	Please provide the names and functions of the members of the TOSC Procurement Development Team (PDT).	Core membership of the TOSC PDT: Laura Govan, Chairperson Marcus Orr, Contracting Officer Perry Becker, Technical Committee Chair Jacqueline Brooks, Business Committee Chair Ronnie Rodriguez, Management Committee Chair Launa Maier, Safety and Mission Assurance Representative Sheila Plourd, Recorder
8	What is the anticipated duration for the TOSC proposal development?	The period allotted for proposal development is 60 days after release of the final RFP.
9	What is the rationale for the potential 8-year period of performance ending Fiscal Year (FY) 2020?	The potential 8-year period of performance aligns with the extension of the International Space Station (ISS), which is currently authorized through FY 2020. This period of performance allows for a single contract to perform ground operations through the ISS extension. Additionally, the period of performance provides continuity from verification and validation of ground systems through the initial flights of Space Launch System and Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle. A final period of performance will be provided in the Draft RFP.